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Banks.

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ESTABLISHED 1880.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....Yen 12,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... 10,500,000
RESERVE FUND..... 6,960,000

Head Office:—YOKOHAMA.

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BOMBAY. SHANGHAI.

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THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.
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HONGKONG AGENCY:—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

S. CHOH,
Agent.
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1898. [383

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000
Paid up Capital.....£ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq.
J. T. Lauts, Esq. Chow TungShang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chief Manager.
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months—Fixed, 5 per Cent.
On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per Cent. per Annum.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897. [8

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....$10,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPTORS.$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
R. M. GRAY, Esq., Chairman.
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MANAGER:
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1899. [9

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£800,000
RESERVE FUND.....£450,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months...4 per cent.
" " 6 " ...3½ "
" " 3 " ...3 "
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 24th May, 1898. [31

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

Shanghai Taels.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..... 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... 2,500,000

Head Office:—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies.
CANTON. HANKOW.
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Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
1½ per Annum Fixed Deposits for 3 months.
2½ " " 6 "
" " 12 "
E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [123

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON	*Manila*	R. L. Haddock, R.N.R.	About 9th March	Freight or Passage.
STRAITS, &c.	*Peshawur*	F. W. Vibert, R.N.R.	Noon, 11th March	Freight only.
JAPAN, &c.	*Tientsin**	G.H.C.Weston, R.N.R.	About 13th March	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	*Parramatta*†	C. T. Denny, R.N.R.	Noon, 18th March	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN	*Rohilla**	S. de B. Locyer, R.N.R.	5 P.M., 18th March	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	*Bengal*	S. Barcham	About 18th March	Freight or Passage. (See Special Advertisement).

* (Passing through the Inland Sea).

For Further Particulars apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [5

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Agencies in all the principal ports of China, Japan, Borneo and the Philippines.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1899. [15

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C. $7 per doz.
L. DRY GIN

SOLE AGENT:
H. PRICE & Co.
12, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1899. [20

THE CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.
The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail-Steamers.
Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.
E. V. SIOEN, Manager,
Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [36

W. POWELL & CO.

WOOL SHAWLS
AND
TRAVELLING WRAPS.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1899. [27

Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,
FOR THE
UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LD., LONDON,
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.
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SUPERINTENDENT.....THOS. SKINNER.
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Well appointed rooms, attentive service and excellent Cuisine.
GEO. J. CASANOVA,
Manager.
CITY OFFICE, 7, Duddell Street.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1899. [28

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HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF
WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.
Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR the great French Nerve Tonic.
Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER
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FLETCHER & CO.
and
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NEW STOCK LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S WALKING BOOTS AND SHOES,
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Two Seas Aromatic Cut Plug..... ½ lb. Jars.
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Richmond Club " | English Bird's Eye..... "
A Large Collection of
BRITISH COLONIAL, FOREIGN RARE, SHANGHAI & CHINA LOCAL STAMPS.
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WATKINS & CO., Sole Agents. 14]

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THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for SPRUE, DYSENTRY, DIARRHŒA, HEMORRHAGE and ULCERATION of the BOWELS.
Recommended by some of the Chief Specialists of the Medical Profession.
Sold retail by all Chemists and Wholesale by
THE PETER SYS COMPANY,
(Proprietors and Sole Manufacturers),
9, Old China Street,
Shanghai.
12th October, 1898. [1342

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,
PRAYA CENTRAL HONGKONG,
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Sole Agents for
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and
P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUER SCOTCH WHISKY, &c.
EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK
AT
REASONABLE PRICES.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1896. [39

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [18

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WINDSOR HOTEL,
HONGKONG.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the elegant Building known as "CONNAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers.
Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant.
Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods.
P. BOHM,
Proprietor & Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1895. [21

Intimations.

GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on SATURDAY, the 11th March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditor.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 11th March, both days inclusive.
By order of the Board of Directors,
W. G. WINTERBURN,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1899. [305a

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 13th March, at Twelve o'clock (NOON), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1898.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th instant to the 13th March, both days inclusive.
By Order,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1899. [210a

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL, on TUESDAY, the 14th March, 1899, at NOON, for the purpose of Receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1898, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matters that may be competently brought before the Meeting.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 14th March, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1899. [243a

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th March, at Twelve o'clock (NOON) for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1898, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 15th March, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1899. [264a

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 16th March, 1899, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the Purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1898, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to 16th March, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1899. [280a

CHINA SUGAR REFINARY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Pedder Street, at NOON, on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1899. [292a

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Pedder Street, at 12.30 P.M., on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1899. [291a

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1898, on or before the 15th instant, on which date the Accounts will be CLOSED.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. J. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1899. [295a

To-day's Advertisements.

BIJOU THEATRE.

RECLAMATION GROUND, WEST POINT.

LAST FIVE NIGHTS

OF 5 OF

D'ARC'S MARIONETTES

and

DON'T YOU FORGET IT.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [118a

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"BAYERN,"

Captain E. Prehn, will leave for the above place, TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at 9 A.M.

For futher Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [294a

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO
YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"HOHENZOLLERN,"

Captain E. Woltersdorff, will leave for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at 6 A.M.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [294a

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"

Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 9th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [317a

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG,"

Captain Pinlayson, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 15th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [290a

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, SAMARANG AND SOURABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"HUPEH,"

Captain Quail, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 16th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [316a

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BAYERN."

THE above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined, on TUESDAY, the 14th instant, and MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 24th instant, or they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [294a

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, SOUTHAMPTON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SADO MARU,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, are being landed and placed at their risk into the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 14th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 13th instant, and FRIDAY, the 17th instant, both days, at 10 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 17th March, or they will not be recognised.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [318a

To-day's Advertisement.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO," are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risks in the Company's Godowns at Wanchai, from whence delivery may be obtained on countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 28th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. S. VAN-BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [1

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

IMPORTERS OF HIGH-CLASS

SHERRIES.

Per doz. Case.

B.—**SUPERIOR PALE DRY,** dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule $10.80

C.—**MANZANILLA, PALE NATURAL SHERRY,** White Capsule 12.00

CC.—**SUPERIOR OLD DRY, PALE NATURAL SHERRY,** Red Seal Capsule 12.00

D.—**VERY SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY,** choice old wine. White Seal Capsule 14.40

E.—**EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY,** very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (*Old Bottled*) 20.40

B., C., and *CC* are excellent dinner Wines and suitable for invalids and delicate stomachs. *D* and *E* are after-dinner Wines of a very superior vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

DEATH.

At Vienna, on February 24th, WILLIAM ROWLAND, father of W. R. Rowland, Berhentian Tinggi, Negri Sembilan. Aged 60. By telegram.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

"LEST WE FORGET"!

We have repeatedly pointed out the necessity of a close inspection of the Chinese quarters of the city being instituted, and continued throughout the whole year, in order that the town may be kept as sweet and clean as possible and so that filth diseases may not have such opportunities of obtaining a hold upon the place as they at present enjoy. But our Sanitary Authorities appear to place implicit faith in the maxim "sufficient for the day is the evil thereof", and so long as no epidemic exists, no steps are taken to guard against one. Our lanes and alleys are allowed to degenerate into so many rubbish bins and cesspools, and as long as they are sufficiently removed from the main thoroughfares of the place as to escape the observation of the European public matters are allowed to take their own course.

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ONLY SPORADIC!

On the 2nd instant, it having been reported to us that plague cases had been discovered in the Colony, we addressed a note on the subject to the Medical Officer of Health, asking if such was the case, and received a reply to the effect that there had only been two sporadic cases during the past week. The return issued by the same officer yesterday, which reached us this morning, states that five cases, all of which terminated fatally had been reported in the week ending on the fourth of March. In other words, between the second and the fourth *three cases were reported*. We are perfectly willing to admit that these five cases are all *sporadic* ones, but this is not the question which concerns the public. No disease blossoms out into epidemic proportions in a day, but begins by a few sporadic cases which increase in number day by day until such time as the disease has gained a hold and has reached such proportions as to have become an epidemic.

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PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE.

We cannot and must not close our eyes to the fact that the plague has again made its appearance amongst us. Five cases were reported during last week, and it is possible that others exist, for the reluctance of Chinese to report cases of infectious disease is an established fact, as we know in Hongkong to our cost. The plague being present, cannot our Sanitary Authorities be prevailed upon to take the matter in hand at once and not wait until the disease gets a thorough hold upon the town? Remember the virulent form assumed by the plague last year and the indiscrimate manner in which it attacked Europeans, its fatal results and the valuable lives that were lost! Let the whole place be thoroughly cleaned now. Let whitewashing and disinfecting gangs be started at work without delay, and let the alleys and lanes in which the plague lurks be swept clean of the accumulated filth of the winter.

* * *

A WARNING.

We do not wish to pose as alarmists, but at the same time we consider it our duty to place the fact that plague has again broken out prominently before the public in order that they may take the necessary precautions for keeping their residences and servants' quarters sweet and clean. A little forethought often saves us from the gravest evils and we would warn the public of the absolute necessity of a daily inspection of servants' quarters and drains. Let them be regularly seen to and disinfectants used with a free hand, and there is not much to fear, for plague flourishes in filth and nastiness. We would also call upon the public to support us in our attempt to bring the Sanitary Authorities to a sense of their duties to the public. Why could not a society be formed in Hongkong for the purpose of forcing upon the notice of the Authorities the insanitary state of certain quarters of the town? See what the Navy League has accomplished during its short existence. Surely a local Sanitary League could do much to remedy the present shocking state of affairs.

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A PLAGUE SPOT.

While on the subject of plague and sanitary matters it is as well to draw the attention of the public to the danger to be apprehended from Kowloon City remaining under Chinese jurisdiction. On Sunday last a representative of this journal passed through the place and describes it as filthy beyond description. Open sewers run down the centre of the narrow lanes which serve as streets, and are filled with decaying filth and garbage of all descriptions, from which an abominable stench arises. Pigs wander about the town and root amongst the garbage heaps and in these open drains, stirring up the black slime and spreading it broadcast over the place. The lanes are so narrow that the breezes are excluded and the atmosphere is stagnant, and yet it has been proposed to allow this plague spot to remain in the hands of the Chinese after the new territory is taken over. Those of our readers, if there be any, who are in favour of Kowloon City remaining under Chinese jurisdiction should pay a visit to the place now, before the rains have commenced, if after that they remain of the same mind we pity them.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

REWARDS TO UNITED STATES OFFICERS.

LONDON, March 5th.

Rear Admiral Dewey has been appointed Admiral of the United States Navy and General Otis Major-General of the United States Army, for distinguished services.

THE NEWCHWANG RAILWAY CONTRACT.

The *Daily Graphic* states that Sir Claude Macdonald has assured the Tsung-li Yamen that China may rely on the support of Great Britain in resisting any attempt to force her to repudiate the Newchwang Railway Contract.

SPAIN.

Señor Silvela has formed a conservative cabinet and the Cortes has dissolved.

SERIOUS EXPLOSION AT TOULON.

The Naval Magazine at Toulon has exploded killing all the soldiers on duty and many inhabitants of the town. Forty dead bodies have already been recovered.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 7th at 11.30 a.m.: The barometer has fallen in the North. A slight depression, which has passed from the continent moving Eastwards, lies now between the E. coast of China and W. Japan. Gradients slight but increasing with the monsoon freshening on the coast. FORECAST:—N. winds, light to moderate; fair.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Powerful* left this morning for Manila, to relieve the *Narcissus*.

THE value of the Klondyke nugget, now on exhibition in London, is placed at $50,000. The gold belongs to Mr. H. M. Kersey, formerly manager of the White Star line.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

——Hongkong Pawnbrokers' Guild...$100

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play 38th Company, R. A. Kick off at a quarter to five. The Club team will be:—F. H. Kew, *Goal*; H. Pinckney and A.S. Anton, *backs*; W. D. Mayson, C. T. Kew, and H. W. Looker, *halves*; T. Yule, H. E. Green, J. F. Noble, H. C. B. Hancock, and J. D. Dandy, *forwards*.

THE Iyo Kisen Kaisha's steamer *Iyo Maru*, collided with the steamer *Ryohei Maru* (a wooden vessel of 627 tons), owned by Mr. Kinukawa Kikumatsu, of Osaka, near Okijima Lighthouse off Takamatsu, Sanuki, at 4 a.m. on the 24th ulto. The *Ryohei Maru* was subsequently beached at the foot of the lighthouse. There were twenty passengers on board the *Iyo Maru* at the time of the accident but no lives were lost on either of the two vessels.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 5th March, are:—Europeans 165, Chinese 2,458; total 2,623.

IT has been reported that Chinese trading agencies are to be established at Brussels and Antwerp during the current year. In April, Chinese commissaries will arrive at Belgium to ally themselves with Belgian mercantile circles.

DURING the week ended 4th March the following cases of communicable disease were reported in the Colony:—Bubonic Plague, 5 cases and 5 deaths; Diphtheria, 1 case; Enteric Fever, 1 case and 1 death; small-pox, 2 cases and 1 death. The five plague cases were from the City.

THE Government of India recently ordered the withdrawal of all Public Works cheques now in use, and issued new books. It appears that a clerk has been found with a number of forged cheques in his possession. These had been procured from England. There are some thirty charges of various kinds against him.

THE meretorious act of a wife in Tientsin who recently committed suicide on her husband's death has been brought before the notice of the Board of Rites, with a strong recommendation for her deed to be honorably commemorated. Suicide has within the past few years fallen from its once high estate in Japanese estimation, and China cannot do better than follow Japan's lead in this matter as in a few others. In civilized countries it is no longer good form for widows to sacrifice themselves, and patriotic enthusiasts to commit *hari-kiri*.

As will be seen by the report published in another column, the Hongkong Hotel Company has had another most profitable half year and can only be described as a most flourishing concern. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good and the shareholders of the Hotel Company doubtless view the Spanish-American war and the present state of affairs in the Philippines in this light, for certainly other folks' misfortunes have brought plenty of grist to their mill. We suggest a motto for the flag now flying on the Hotel staff: "Let 'em all come"!

IN eastern Shantung some 18 villages are said to be exhibiting great anti-Christian feeling, and troops have been dispatched to preserve order. The cause of the disturbance is still the temple appropriated by the Catholic Mission there with the sanction of the local authorities, and as soon as the necessary changes were effected in the building it was fired by a mob and burnt to the ground. The district magistrate imprisoned several of the leading residents and scholars, holding them responsible for the trouble, but he has had to release them owing to the violence of the mob. *P. & T. Times.*

FOR some hours on Feb. 3rd, a remarkable scene was witnessed on the Thames Embankment, near Blackfriars Bridge, consisting in the usual pastime of feeding the sea-gulls that hover over the river on spats supplied to the public for the purpose by an enterprising salesman at a penny per handful. The birds flocked to the spot in thousands. The people congregated and the fights for the spats, when flung into space, by the keen-eyed and competing gulls was a diverting spectacle. The fish-salesman did a roaring trade, a huge sackful of the delicacies being speedily disposed of. Others were also busy—some light-fingered gentry dexterously rifling the pockets of several persons who were leaning over the parapet enjoying the sport.

ACCORDING to the investigations made by the Kobe Water Police Authorities, more than seventeen junks were damaged in the Harbour during the storm which set in on the 20th ulto. Of these, the *Manyo Maru* (220 koku capacity), owned by Morhidzuki Gisuke, living at Nakanos, Omisaki Mura, Toyoda Guns, Hiroshima Ken; the *Veiho Maru* (160 koku capacity), owned by Takemoto Torakichi, living at Osaki Mura, Toyoda Gun, Hiroshima Ken; and the *Shunho Maru*, owned by Yeds Ichighku, living at Toshima Mura, Aki Gun, Hiroshima Ken, are a total lose. A steam launch which has been undergoing repairs just in front of the main office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha sunk at her moorings, and the *Shinpo Maru* (a vessel of 80 tons), laden with coal, also sunk.

MR. HO TUNG, the Hon. Treasurer of the late Dr. U. I. Kai's widow and children's fund begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the fund:—

Amount already acknowledged	$1,576.00
Small sums thro' Francisco Tseyat	10.00
La Tsz Chun	5.00
Lung Yik Ting	5.00
Chan Hoi Ting	5.00
Lum Kon Hing	5.00
Lum Sum Tin	5.00
Leung Sük Ting	5.00
Ho Tai Sang	5.00
Koo Man Nang	5.00
6 % Interest on Same	26.24
	$1632.24

This fund is closed, the money having been handed over to Mrs. U. I. Kai, the widow.

WHAT might have been a very serious conflagration but was happily discovered in time, says our Tientsin contemporary, occurred at the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China on Saturday, 11th ulto, about 11 p.m. It appears that the drawing-room chimney has been recently swept, and a brick probably dislodged in the process. This caused a collection of soot to accumulate on a beam of the ceiling, and this became ignited by a spark from the fire in the grate, which eventually ignited the wood. On the fire being discovered, water was instantly thrown on the ceiling and every endeavour made by the inmates to reach the seat of the fire, assistance being promptly rendered by those aware of the calamity, and even before the arrival of the engine which promply put in an appearance and acted very well, the flames had been checked. The damage is happily limited to some two or three hundred dollars, but considerable inconvenience has naturally been experienced by the family, which the kindness of friends has, however, done much to mitigate.

"OUR NATIONAL WEAK POINTS."

LECTURE BY COLONEL ELSDALE, R.E.

Yesterday afternoon a lecture was delivered in the City Hall, under the auspices of the Odd Volumes' Society, by Colonel Elsdale, R.E., the subject being "Our national weak points." His Excellency Major-General Gascoigne, C.M.G., presided, and His Excellency Sir Henry Blake, G.C.M.G., was also present. There was a good attendance. After a few introductory words from the Chairman

Colonel Elsdale remarked that last year they had a lecture from Mr. Drummond, of Shanghai, the general tone and purpose of which seemed to be the glorification of the British empire. In the course of a conversation afterwards he ventured to remark without in the last disparaging the lecture, that what they now wanted was a lecture on their weak points. The average and intelligent foreigner on the Continent of Europe fully recognised and admired the energy and capacity of Englishmen, who, starting from a small group of islands in the North Sea, had built up for themselves a vast world-wide empire. He admired the independence of spirit of Englishmen, the go-ahead character which had led to their opening out new fields, in treading new paths, in striking out new work all over the world, but he despised that apparently innate vulgarity which characterised a very large section of the population. He (the lecturer) was afraid that if the truth must be told they were without exception the most vulgar race in the civilised world. (Laughter.) This vulgarity did not as a general rule show itself to any appreciable extent in the upper classes. English ladies and English gentlemen were recognised as ladies and gentlemen in the most refined and fastidious circles all over the world, but in the lower middle and lower orders of the population this vulgarity ran strong and wide. It was not due to poverty, because it was frequently observable that the richer and more prosperous among these people were the most vulgar. It was not due to lack of education. This poverty of spirit, this want of appreciation of the sublime and of the magnificent, had worked untold mischief in the history of the empire. It lost us the American colonies. The men of that day had no souls to realise the magnificent and princely heritage which they had in North America. He proceeded to give a few instances of the working of this defect of character in our home and colonial policy, taking first the question of Egypt. Speaking about Russian progress in Central Asia, the lecturer said that personally he thought England had no ground of complaint against Russia for annexing those countries which lay at her doors. England had no claim to them and what she should have done was to view Russian progress in a friendly spirit, or to draw a line and say thus far and no farther, but she did not do this. Time after time more or less angry despatches passed between England and Russia. England was always barking and growling at the heels of Russia, but she never at any point drew a line and said, "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther, and if you do pass that line we are prepared to go to war." The result was that Russia's progress in Central Asia had not been stopped for a single week, and England had set every Russian thinking that the British empire was the sworn foe of his country. (Hear, hear.) The lecturer mentioned England's wavering policy on the north-west frontier of India. They might be told that this was due to the exigencies of party Government. That was no doubt true so far as it went, but it did not go to the root of the matter. The root of the matter was the want of imagination and perception, the slowness, the dullness, the unsympathetic character of the average Englishman. The masses required education and enlightenment. They required to be taught the magnificence of the great empire handed down from their forefathers the present condition by which they maintained that empire, and the methods and processes by which they might hope to hand it down unimpaired to their posterity.

The Chairman remarked that those among them who, like himself, were not prepared to go quite as far as Colonel Elsdale and who were not quite disposed to agree with him in all matters would admit that the lecture had been intensely interesting. He would tell them what was running through his mind the whole of the time Colonel Elsdale was touching upon their national defects, and that was—was there anybody but an Englishman who could have got upon a platform and preached about those defects as Colonel Elsdale had done, and would any audience but an English audience have listened to the slating they had listened to, not only with complacency but actually with applause. They had heard a great deal of their national defects, but he thought the characteristic he had spoken of had made and would make them a great nation—and that was that they were always as Englishmen prone to look into their national defects. Other nations were rather inclined to sit down and say that everything which was going on in that nation was for the best. The national tendency of the English was to look for their defects and it was by this means that they came to remedy them and became the nation which they were. (Hear, hear.) He thought, therefore, that everyone of them owed a deep debt of gratitude to Colonel Elsdale for his interesting lecture, and he would ask them if they agreed with him to signify it by their applause and thus accord a heartly vote of thanks to Colonel Elsdale.

This request was heartily responded to, as was a similar request made by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., in respect to the Major-General for presiding.

THE PLAGUE COMMISSION.

At the sitting of the Plague Commission on the 13th ulto., Mr. P. V. Shikare, speaking of the origin of the first outbreak, said that the predisposing conditions were the insanitary condition of Bombay. The sub-soil was saturated with moisture and decomposing organic matter; the climate was favourable for growth of low organic life; defective, ill-ventilated houses, attended by over-crowding, were special predisposing conditions. Excessive rainfall was followed by drought and famine, and a consequent low vitality of the people generally. The disease was imported from without, more likely from places outside India, such as Hongkong, where there was recently an epidemic of plague. The poison was spread in two ways:—(1) By continuity, and (2) by means of infected rats and infected persons. It was diffused in fresh air and sunlight; hence the immunity enjoyed in hospitals and segregation camps.

SPANISH WAR-TAX.

A "MOURNING" STAMP.

The Spanish Government have recently issued a "mourning" stamp. It is jet black, is marked on one side in white letters, "5 cents," and on the other, "Impto de Guerra" ("war tax") and 1898-99. The stamp is affixed to all domestic letters as a "war tax," in addition to the regular postage stamp, otherwise that letter "doesn't go." Besides the obligatory black stamp, there are pink and blue ones, which writers may put upon their letters voluntarily to show their wish to aid their country two cents worth.

THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE SANITARY BOARD.

Our readers will join us in congratulating Mr. C. W. Duggan, J.P., on his appointment as clerk to the Sanitary Board. Mr. Duggan is a well-tried Government servant, having been in the service since 1869, first as Inspector of Police, then as second clerk at the Central Police Station, and then as first clerk and accountant, the style of the latter post being changed to that of paymaster in 1893.

AN UNAUTHORISED LETTER-CARRIER.

At the Magistracy this morning a China-woman was charged with infringing the exclusive right of the Postmaster-General by attempting to convey letters from Hongkong to Canton. P.S. Ritchie was on duty on the wharf when he saw defendant go on to the Canton steamer carrying a bundle. Suspecting that all was not right he examined the bundle and found that it contained letters. On the woman being taken to the Central Police Station she was found to have quite a number of letters concealed about her person. She was conveying about 500 letters altogether. She was fined $100, or two months.

A JAPANESE HOSPITAL-SHIP.

The progress of Japan, in many directions, is further evidenced by an inspection of the s.s. *Hakuai Maru*, at present lying at Tanjong Pagar, says a recent issue of the *Straits Times*. This ship has just come out from home where she has been built for the Red Cross Society of Japan by Messrs Lobnitz & Co., of Renfrew. What purpose is she intended to serve, it may be asked? That question were hardly necessary since the large red cross looming large on the single funnel seems to explain at once that the ship's mission is one of peace and healing. Her master, Capt. Hervey, brought her through the roughest of weather in the Bay of Biscay to be favoured afterwards with a delightful voyage. He explained to us, while inspecting the vessel, that she was built by the Red Cross Society of Japan to act for the Japanese Government as a hospital ship in time of war; and with this end in view her builders have naturally adapted the vessel to the greatest comfort of the greatest number of sick and wounded. There are on board 300 beds for the sufferers who may be called upon to occupy them; and for the surgeons and their attendant staff there is excellent accommodation. In the piping time of peace, the *Hakuai Maru* will pursue the ordinary vocation of a mercantile steamer to which she is also well-adapted. The ship is 314 feet long, 39 feet broad, 29½ feet deep; her engines are of 27,000 horse power, and her speed 15 knots. Of her fittings it were unnecessary to go into further details than to say that they are, everywhere, of the most excellent finish, and that particular attention has been paid to the means of ventillation which is as complete as it well can be and is so adapted as to convey the maximum quantity of pure air to the hospital deck and to the electric lighting installation. In every respect, the *Hakuai Maru* does credit to her builders. When the exigencies of war necessitate her services she will prove a ministering angel such as few European Governments can at present boast of controlling. In a couple of months or so, a sister ship, identical in every respect—will follow the *Hakuai Maru* to Japan. The latter vessel has now on board a steam-dredger which is to be utilized by the Japanese Government in dredging various harbours round the coast.

SPANISH REFUGEES.

At Zamboanga, in the Philippine island of Mindanao, there are said to be about 3,000 Spanish refugees awaiting shipment to Spain in transports.

Two Spaniards, four ladies, four children, and two servants arrived at Sandakan per *Labuan* on the 10th ulto. They were refugees, belonging to Busanga, an island north of Palawan. Their house being attacked and robbed, they escaped to another island, Kulion, where the *Labuan* picked them up. Kulion is about 70 miles north of Palawan. Puerto Princesa is the same as Port Royalist on the chart, on the east coast of Palawan.—*Straits Times.*

UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE OF THE "SERBIA."

The Hamburg-America line steamer *Serbia* arrived here yesterday morning, says the *Kobe Chronicle* of 27th ulto., after a passage of three and a half days from Yokohama, in which she encountered the full force of the gale. Throughout the storm, which lasted almost the whole time of the journey, the weather was very misty, and it was impossible to take sights or ascertain the exact position of the vessel. As is well known, the currents off the coast between Yokohama and Kobe are very dangerous and sometimes set in vessels considerably. An anxious look-out was kept, and sure enough, when in the neighbourhood of Irosaki, rocks were discerned right ahead. Both wind and current were taking the vessel right on shore, and so strong was their force that the *Serbia* had to go astern for about an hour in order to get clear. When the gale was at its worst, the vessel lifted on each wave to such an extent that the steering gear was almost useless, and for some time she drifted helplessly. Considerable damage has been done to her upper works. A number of thick iron stanchions were broken and twisted as if so much wire, while the steel life-boat was stove in by the mere force of the waves hurled against it. Altogether the vessel looks as if she had been through as bad an experience as a vessel is likely to have and survive.

SHOT BY A SENTRY.

LOSS OF NERVE.

An extraordinary shooting affair occurred at Forton Marine Barracks, Gosport, early one morning. The guard at the pay office was Private Sutton, and the relieving guard was in charge of Lance-Corporal Davis. As the relieving guard approached, Sutton fired four shots from a Lee-Metford rifle. There were four men with Davis, and on hearing the shots they ran away but Davis, who had been in the Benin expedition, stood his ground, one bullet grazing his head and another passing through his thigh. Lance-Corporal Davis was at once conveyed to the infirmary, and Sutton, who was doing his first night's duty as sentry, was placed under arrest. Davis's injuries are not believed to be serious. No motive for the sentry's conduct can be discovered but it is probable that he had been alarmed by the reports of the sentries at the magazine at Forton Barracks, who have stated on several occasions lately that they have been visited by men with blackened faces. On the first occasion the sentry fired, but without result, and an order was issued that the visitors should in future be attacked by the bayonet. It is supposed that Sutton, who has just joined the division from the depôt, lost his nerve and fired in defiance of the order.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

The following is the report of the Board of Directors for presentation at the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's hotel, at noon, on Tuesday, the 14th March:—

Gentlemen,—In accordance with Section 53 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders their half-yearly Report for the six months ended the 31st December, 1898.

ACCOUNTS.

The profit on Working Account for the half-year amounted to $62,809.94, as compared with $30,448.65 for the corresponding six months of 1897, showing an increase of $32,361.29, or of $38,699.18 over the net profits on the Working Account for the same period of 1896.

The Profit and Loss Account, including a credit balance of $24,805.94 brought forward from 30th June, 1898, shows a credit balance of $56,900.76, as compared with $33,078.17 for the for the period 1897.

Your Directors propose to deal with the balance of $56,900.76 as follows:—

To set aside against Repairs and Renewals	$ 6,000.00
To write off Furniture and Fixtures	8,440.88
To pay a final Dividend of 6 per cent. for the half-year, absorbing	26,637.00
To place to Reserve Fund	15,000.00
To carry forward to new account	822.88
	$56,900.76

The dividend, with the 4 per cent. paid for the previous half-year, gives a return of 10 per cent. on paid up capital for the year.

The stock of furniture has been still further augmented during the past half-sear, and the amount written off, though somewhat less than in previous, half-years has been fixed upon for the purpose of placing the amount in round figures at $95,000.

BUSINESS.

The business of the Hotel during the past six months has shown a gratifying increase in every department.

STAFF.

Mr. H. Haynes was appointed manager in place of Mr. Death on the 12th November, 1898.

DIRECTORS.

Messrs. R. C. Wilcox and W. Parfitt retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDIT.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and W. H. Gaskell, whose re-election is recommended.

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1899.

NORTHERN NEWS.

(From Shanghai Papers.)

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. *Pharnix* left Shanghai for Wei-hai-wei on the 3rd inst., and the *Woodcock* for Hankow on the 4th.

THE RUSSIANS AT KINCHOU.

A native despatch from Moukden to the *Universal Gazette* gives the nuinber of Chinese killed by the Russians at Kinchou for opposing taxation, as upwards of ninety, and adds that this serious matter is still pending.

THE SHANGHAI WATERWORKS.

Work on the Chinese Waterworks, in the new Chinese Bund district, is now almost suspended owing, it is stated, to the difficulty of getting labourers, who have been enticed to join the Kiangnan Arsenal and the Tribute Rice department by the higher pay offered.

LIAO SHOU-FENG.

It is stated that one of the last official acts of H.E. Liao Shou-fêng, the late Governor of Chêkiang, who has obtained the Imperial permission to retire into private life, was to order the establishment of a School of Mechanical Science for the instruction of artisans, in Hangchow.

THE SHANGHAI BAND.

In consequence of the entire disruption of the Band, the Shanghai Philharmonic Society have been obliged to issue a notice to its subscribers to the effect that the 32nd Performance, which was to be given on the 10th, is now indefinitely postponed.

A STARTLING RUMOUR.

A report is going the round in Shanghai that a telegram from Peking has been received by the Nanking Viceroy ordering him to make extensive purchases of timber for the building of an Imperial Palace, as the Court at Peking will be transferred to Singanfu, Shense.

UNMUZZLED DOGS.

Mr. U. K. Chêng, the magistrate of the Mixed Court, has agreed that in future cases of unmuzzled dogs being found on the public roads in Shanghai contrary to Municipal Regulations a bail of $10 will be demanded, the same to be forfeited as a fine in cases where such a sum can be paid, otherwise the dogs will be confiscated and destroyed.

A HANKOW ASSAULT.

On the 22nd ulto. a foreign resident in Hankow while witnessing an exhibition of Chinese juggling was cut on the forehead by a stone thrown from the crowd. The captain on the station quickly had the foreigner escorted back to his house and severely censured the tipao, also drove the juggler away from the place.

SOOCHOW ROADS.

The *Universal Gazette* says that the Soochow authorities have again decided to continue the construction of macadamized roads to the Changmén, a distance of 900 odd chang. The work had been undertaken by an Anhui man for $33 per chang, but, as he had sublet his contract at a lower cost, the materials turned out very poor and very likely the contract will be cancelled.

THE TIENTSIN TRADE.

For the first time for a number of years the Tientsin trade has been opened without the exciting rush of steamers to the Bar with the accompanying provision of Cardiff coal, extra stokers, and heavy bets. The first vessel to leave Shanghai was the *Fuping* which left on the 2nd instant, followed next day by the *Tungchow, Hunan, Wosang, Chinping, Tsintau, Taishun, Yungching*, and *Kaifong*.

DISCONTENT AT HANKOW.

According to advices from Hankow there is a great deal of discontent manifested amongst the people on account of the action of certain mandarins there in prohibiting the circulation of all cash notes except such as are issued by a bank of which the said mandarins are the owners. However the people generally refuse to accept the official-owned bank's notes in payment, on account of the constant repudiation by the denizens of the yamens of their liability to pay on their notes when presented. We are sure the Viceroy Chang Chih-tung cannot know of this kind of thing or he would promptly stop it.

RUSSIAN SCHOOL FOR TIENTSIN.

A RUSSIAN School was opened on the 25th ultimo at Tientsin, specially built in its own ground, owing to the fact that "it was the Russian Minister's desire to have it so"—at least, so it is reported amongst the Chinese in that port. It seems that a class for the study of Russian was added to the English school at the Eastern Arsenal, but Viceroy Yü Lu was asked by the Russian officials to provide separate funds for the building and maintenance of an independent Russian School or College.

THE "ELSA."

The barque *Elsa* which got ashore on the Middle Ground on the 14th ult., was to be sold at Shanghai yesterday by public auction. She left Puget Sound with 690,000 sup. feet of lumber, and is consigned to Messrs. Schultz & Co. Some 20,000 ft. have been jettisoned and from 150 to 160,000 ft. discharged. Her main-mast is gone by the board, and she now lies, hogged, across the tide in an exposed position, making about 4 inches of water per hour. Every effort has been made to get her off and now there is no chance of doing so without discharging the remainder of her cargo.

BOXING.

The much talked of Boxing Contest between J. Lawrence of Shanghai, and J. Lambert of H.M.S. *Iphigenia*, was fought at the Lyceum Theatre Shanghai on the 2nd inst. the latter proving the winner, having knocked out his opponent in the fourth round. Three other bouts were included in the programme, the results of which were as follows:—W. Head of the *Iphigenia* beat F. Chandler *Iphigenia*; W. Pedder *Iphigenia* beat T. King, *Iphigenia*; and J. Blower, *Phœnix* beat F. McKe, *Iphigenia*.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Telegraphic news has been received from Peking that telegrams have been sent by order of the Empress Dowager to the Generals commanding troops in Shansi, Shensi, Honan, and even as far west as Kansu province, to make all haste to assemble with their best troops in the vicinity of Peking and await orders there. Apropos of the above, the notorious General Tung Fu-hsiang, Commander of the half-savage Kansu troops, now in Chihli province, has also had orders to present himself at Court as the Empress Dowager "has need of him."

LI HUNG-CHANG.

A Chinanfu, capital of Shantung dispatch of the 18th ultimo states that H.E. Li Hung-chang and suite were expected to leave that city on the 26th ultimo for Peking, as the labour of examining the Yellow River had now been finished and all that is now required is to make the necessary suggestions as to the best way to conduct the conservation of the River in the future. If H.E. left as stated on the 26th ultimo there appears to have been no truth to the story of his having been recalled to Peking.

THE U. S. CONSUL AT NANKING.

A correspondent writes from Chinkiang as follows:—I noticed an item in the *Shanghai Mercury* of 27th ult., from the native papers, I suppose, about Mr. Martin, the U. S. Consul at this port, to the effect that when Nanking is made an open port he will reside there. This news, so far as I can learn, is incorrect. The U. S. Consul cannot leave Chinkiang without his receiving orders to do so from the Department of State at Washington. Of course both Nanking and Wuhu are now within his Consular limits. There is no doubt that the Missionaries at Nanking would like Mr. Martin to reside there, and it is probable that the U. S. Minister may ask the Department of State to authorize the change you mentioned, but I no not think he is likely to do so.

THE "SYDNEY."

The M. M. s.s. *Sydney*, which broke from her moorings at Shanghai on Wednesday afternoon, and went ashore on the Pootung side in the mud, was got off early on the morning of the 2nd inst. on the tide. It is unfortunate that the steamer had no steam up at the time, otherwise the accident could not have occurred. As it was, the slackness of the water prevented her drifting far, or she might have caused several serious accidents by falling foul of other steamers and ships in the River. The only damage done, so far as is ascertainable, is a couple of her own plates bulged in by contact with the P. & O. Coy's tender *Gutzlaff*, on to whose stem she swung after parting.

ANOTHER FIRE.

A FIRE broke out shortly before 5 o'clock on the morning of the 2nd inst. on the Tsepoo Road, West Hongkew, a short distance from the new Police Station. Only two streams were brought to bear on the burning dwelling as the hydrants were a long way distant, one line of hose being 1,400ft. long and the other 800ft. the former taking the reels of three companies. Three houses were gutted out and two were damaged. Unfortunately, the conflagration was attented with serious loss of life, the remains of three bodies, namely, that of a man 32, a boy 8, and a girl 5 years of age horribly burnt and mutilated being found huddled together amongst the *débris*. The mother escaped by leaping from a window and was badly hurt thereby but refused to go to the hospital; some friends, however, took charge of her. The neighbours rendered valuable service by carrying water, thus preventing the fire from spreading to the adjoining premises.

THE CHARGES AGAINST LI HUNG-CHANG AND CHANG JU-MEI.

THE SEQUEL.

As might have been predicted the Hanlin Reader Ch'en Pin-ho neutralised his memorial against Li Hung-chang and Chang Ju-mei when he wound up his denunciations by declaring that he feared he had already incurred the enmity of certain high Ministers of the Court by making the above and so refrained from saying more. The Empress Dowager demanded an explanation of this hint and required the memorialist to point out the high Ministers by name. No one dreamed that he would have the daring to mix up the most powerful officer of the Empire and a rising favourite of the Empress Dowager in this affair, *i.e.*, Jung Lu and Li Shan, Senior Vice-President of the Board of Revenue. Yet so it appears this Hanlin has done. Ch'en Pin-ho declared that the hint was directed against Jung Lu and Li Shan, for when the former was Tartar-General at Hsian, he is declared to have been on most intimate terms with Chang Ju-mei when Chang was Provincial Treasurer and acting Governor in the same city (Hsian, capital of Shensi). This according to an edict of the 1st of March is declared to be absurd for Jung Lu left Hsian for Chihli, where he has been ever since, in 1894, whereas Chang Ju-mei did not get to Hsian until the year following or 1895. As for Li Shan, the denouncer declared that when he was Imperial Commissioner of the Soochow Silk-looms, years ago, Chang Ju-mei, then an expectant Taotai of Kiangsu, was connected with the Salt Gabelle at Huaian, and the two were very great friends then. To this charge the Empress Dowager says Li Shan, as Silk-looms' Commissioner, was always at Soochow in the South of Kiangsu; Huaian is in the North of the province, a distance of many miles, where, moreover, the one had nothing to do with the other, their businesses being so very different, and separated as they were by many days' journey. Hence "both charges being preposterous they must naturally fall through"—as the denouncer apparently meant them to. "The memorialist," says the edict in question, "ought to be severely punished for his culpable charges, but he is pardoned as a matter of extraordinary grace, and we command that he be only reprimanded for his folly." In other words, Ch'en Pin-ho by making absurd charges not only saved the reputations of his victims with the Empress Dowager, but by amusing her with such daring and preposterous charges, the politic Hanlin succeeded in turning aside the wrath of the Empress Dowager and all the Ministers of the Court from himself.—*N. C. D. News.*

POSSIBILITIES.

Something is happening in Peking. There are certain statements which one makes with a substantial sense of satisfaction, confident that they are absolutely unchallengeable. To say something is happening in Peking is, we know, analogous to remarking that rain is wet; yet we make it with a curious, and quite unwonted gratification in being "quite correct." We don't feel "newsy" about it, because we are well aware that the fact has been apparent for some time, and quite a formidable budget of "reports" have been circulating for at least ten days. These reports are discredited wholesale and piecemeal in Peking, but that fact in no way affects the understrata of truth which is probably responsible for their existence. It is satisfactory, and on the whole exciting to meet with some fact which Peking *has* believed. But Peking's faith or scepticism is not the corner stone of Far Eastern history as now being compiled, and if something is going to happen, in addition of course, to what is already happening, it will happen, whether Peking believes it or not: in fact, it is rather more assured, if anything, if Peking does *not* believe it; vide 'the *coup d'etat*.' We are expected to go farther and say, what is happening. We prefer to say frankly "we do not know." No one knows; not even Peking, which aggressively shelters itself behind a "phew! don't believe it!" What seems possible however, is that a change will be made in the Palace which will give China a new Emperor, but leave the Dowager precisely where she is. Whether the luckless Kwang Hsu is killed off,—and it is stated he is again in bad health—or merely deposed to make room for a healthier, stronger man, we may be quite sure the Empress will, both in her domestic and political relations, maintain precisely the same position as she does now. If a change is made, the new Emperor will probably be a man inferior in rank to the present one, albeit still of Imperial blood, which would give the Empress a yet stronger hold on him. Much has been made of the fact that there is a large muster of Princes just now within the Palace; but that is not in itself sufficient to go upon, as at this season there might and naturally would be such a gathering. It is very confidently believed in official circles however, that some movement is pending, and it is probable that by the fifteenth of this first Chinese moon we may discover more exactly what that movement is. While we cannot see that the Empress Dowager is going to benefit in any way by transferring the nominal sovereignty to other shoulders, it is highly probable that those around her are urging the election of a new Emperor through a nervous apprehension that if any change of fortune brought Kwang Hsu again into power they would themselves fare badly. The quiet attitude and apparent indifference of the Foreign Rrepresentatives favours movement. If it is genuine indifference as to who is on the Throne, providing there is some nominal head, then a change of Emperor can be effected without risk. If it is merely a temporary quiescence, then it is safer to know it, and gauge at once the possibilities of Kwang Hsu's cause being at any time espoused. The foreign pulse is most carefully and judiciously felt by the wily Dowager at every turn, and we may be sure that if the plans suggested above are carried out, very shortly, she has duly apprised hereself beforehand of their probable effect in diplomatic circles.—*P. & T. Times.*

REVIEW AT TIENTSIN.

A review of the combined forces stationed in Tientsin (with the exception of the French) and the Tientsin Volunteer Corps, took place at the Recreation Ground on the 13th ulto. Unfortunately the weather was most unpropitious for any outdoor recreation, a piercing wind and cloudy sky marring what was otherwise a most interesting event. A large muster of spectators nevertheless gathered on the ground, and proved a most appreciative audience.

The forces left Victoria Park, where the Fall In took place, at 10.30 a.m., headed by the Band, being inspected on arrival at the Recreation Ground by the British, American and German Consuls. This was followed by a march past, and five minutes' drill by each force, the whole line subsequently advancing to a general salute and then marching off.

It would not be becoming to make any comparison between the various styles of drill which the respective companies enabled us to witness, and as no two were alike, it would hardly be possible to make any. Each company showed to the best advantage in its especial exhibition, and was loudly applauded, very great interest being displayed in the German evolutions which are exceedingly difficult. We cannot refrain however from very warmly complimenting our Volunteers, who show a marked improvement every time they appear in public, and now bear themselves so smartly that one of the spectators the other day involuntarily remarked "surely those are the regulars"! A higher compliment could not have been paid the Corps and its Commander, and it was certainly well merited.—*P. & T. Times.*

WHAT THE "MORGAN CITY" BRINGS TO MANILA.

The cargo of the Transport *Morgan City* is the strangest of all the odd assortments that ships bottoms have carried to Manila since last July. In addition to army stores, she has three hundred hermetically sealed coffins and their box coverings. A superintendent undertaker Mr. S. E. Reinhard and five assistants are among the passengers, who will effect the disinterment and sending to the States of the bodies of nearly three hundred officers and men now buried in the vicinity of Manila. On arrival at San Francisco the remains of dead soldiers will be sent at the expense of the government to their former homes.

Several of the families of army and navy men and some additional government nurses are on the passenger list.—*Manila Times.*

PRINCE AND PHYSICIANS.

F. R. C. P. PERHAPS F. R. C. S.

The *Lancet* says:—"The occasion of the delivery by Sir William MacCormac of the Hunterian Oration at the Royal College of Surgeons of England this year will be distinguished by the presence of the Prince of Wales, who has also graciously consented, at the President's invitation, to dine with the College the same evening. It is not the first time that the Prince of Wales has honoured the Hunterian Orator by attending the delivery of the Oration. He was present when Sir James Paget and Mr. Bryant were the Orators. Nor is it the first time that his Royal Highness has dined with the College; but there are circumstances that make his presence especially gratifying to the College this year. The Prince of Wales has clearly designed to do honour to the medical profession at a time when he has just received the benefits of surgery, while his host on the occasion will be the surgeon responsible for the line of treatment which was then adopted. By the way, the Royal College of Surgeons of England, remembering that the Prince is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London, may desire to give him the second qualification necessary to registration and elect him a Fellow."

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir J. W. Carrington, Kt., C.M.G., Chief Justice.)

March 7th.

A PROMISSORY NOTE CASE.

In this case Bernardino de Senna Fernandez, Viscount de Senna Fernandez, sought to recover from Cassum Moosa the sum of $4,500 paid to the National Bank of China Limited under a promissory note for which his late father was guarantor.

Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Mr. Gedge) appeared for plaintiff and Mr. E. Robinson (instructed by Mr. Hursthouse) for defendant.

Mr. Robinson summed up for the defence and Mr. Francis followed, after which His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff for $4,790.70, and interest from January 1st, 1897, at the rate of 8 per cent.; plaintiff to have costs of suit.

SINGAPORE AND THE SOUTH.

(From Straits Papers.)

DOGS AND CYCLISTS.

Dogs so beset cyclists at Penang, that some wheelers think the time has come for them to take protective measures.

A ROGUE ELEPHANT.

A wild elephant charged a party of travellers near Shwegyeen, in Burma, on the 13th ulto., and killed one of their number, a tax-collector.

GAMBLING AND BURGLARY.

Gambling is the common vice, and burglary the popular occupation, of a numerous class in Moulmein, according to the paper published in that town.

SELANGOR FLOODS.

The floods round Serendah, Selangor, are very severe, three road bridges, in addition to the two on the railway, having been washed away. The landslips are unimportant, but the country is flooded.

SCHOOL FOR SEREMBAN.

A new English school is to opened at Seremban, St. Pauls, to accommodate 200 children, Father Cateson being the manager. Government contributes $1,500 to the building and $75 a month towards salaries.

PERAK MILKMEN STRIKE.

The Bengali milkmen of Taipeng propose going on strike because the police shot one of their buffaloes that had strayed in the lake grounds and did damage to the young trees there.

RINDERPEST AT KUALA LUMPOR.

Several cases of what appears to be rinderpest have occurred a couple of miles outside Kuala Lumpor.

Later reports confirm the news of the severity of the outbreak, fifty beasts having already succumbed.

MURDER IN PERAK.

Another brutal murder is reported from Ipoh, Perak, a King employed on the railway killing a woman and her two children and then committing suicide. Jealousy is alleged to be the cause of the tragedy.

A FALSE ALARM.

The other night, while some gamblers were at play at Penang, one of them cried out for fun "The police are coming!" His companions into the road from a window and broke his leg.

A WISE DECISION.

AT Colombo, the Messageries Maritimes agent has intimated that, in future no one will be allowed to go on board the Company's steamers in Colombo harbour as hawkers or touts without a special permit from him in writing.

PENANG'S DEFENCE CONTRIBUTION.

The *Pinang Gazette* thinks that the Defence Contribution Bill ought to be considered and treated as a ridiculous piece of legislation unless it contains in black and white the government's promise to repay the Colony the excessive overcharge for past construction.

BANGKOK PLANS.

Under the style of the Siam Electricity Company, a company has been formed in Copenhagen, with a capital of £33,800, with power to increase to £100,000. The company has secured a concession for electric undertakings at Bangkok, the capital being principally Danish.

KUALA LUMPOR MINING.

Owing to the large amount of mining land alienated but not worked, the Kuala Lumpor Mines Office is not giving out much new land at present. Licensed surveyors are, therefore, crying out for want of work. Yet the terms offered in Perak, where there is a great block in survey work, are not good enough to induce them to go there.

THE "ARCHER" TO THE RESCUE.

The *Archer* left Singapore somewhat suddenly early on the morning of the 26th ulto. On the previous day there was a rumour current that either the *Immortalité* or the *Archer* was to leave for some destination unknown, and later in the evening the *Archer's* engineers were ordered to have steam up by 5 a.m. next day, when the ship proceeded to Tanjong Pagar and coaled. Her destination, when she left later on in the morning, was not made known, but there was a general belief that she had sailed, under sealed orders, for Palawan, where there may possibly be some trouble with the natives, or else for Sulu, in connection with incidents connected with the present attitude of the natives and their action against the few Spanish still remaining there.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MARCH.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer	30.059
Thermometer	62.0
Humidity	85.0
Rainfall	4.08

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.11	29.99
Thermometer	72	74
Humidity	69	65
Rainfall	—	—

TO-DAY.

Tuesday, 7th March, 1899.

Chinese—*26th of 1st moon of 25th year of Kwang-sü.*

Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 13min.*
Sets *5hr. 47min.*

High water—*Morning* *none*
Afternoon *4hr. 34min.*

Low water—*Morning* *none*
Afternoon *none*

ANNIVERSARIES.

1856—Chinese Fire Brigade organised in Hongkong.
1874—Burning of Coomassie and flight of King Koffee.
1894—Ocean Co.'s steamer *Tantalus* stranded off Table Island; afterwards got off much damaged.
1897—Suicide of Mr. R. Paneth near Yokohama.

TO-MORROW.

Wednesday, 8th March, 1899.

Chinese—*27th of 1st moon of 25th year of Kwang-sü.*

Sun—*Rises* *6hr. 13min.*
Sets *5hr. 47min.*

High water—*Morning* *7hr. 52min.*
Afternoon *5hr. 55min.*

Low water—*Morning* *0hr. 42min.*
and 11hr. 10min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1801—Battle of Aboukir.
1844—Bernadotte, King of Sweden, died.
1854—Commercial treaty between United States and Japan concluded.
1860—A defiant reply given by China to the ultimatum of the Allies.
1868—Steamer *Wolga* lost.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

American *(Coptic)* 11th inst.
Indian *(Catherine Apcar)* 13th inst.
Canadian *(Empress of China)* 20th inst.
American *(America Maru)* 21st inst.
American *(City of Peking)* 29th instant.

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THE Agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.) inform us that the Company's steamer *Catherine Apcar* from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port this afternoon, the 7th instant.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

H.I.G.M.S. Kaiser...	at	Kowloon	Dock.
Athenlin	"	"	"
Isla de Cuba.....	"	"	"
Isla de Luzon	"	"	"
Hué	"	"	"
H.I.G.M.S. P. Wilhelm	"	"	"
Trym.....	"	"	"
H.I.G.M.S. Moeve...	"	"	"
Chusan	"	"	"
H.M.S. Alacrity	"	"	"
Empress of Japan ...	"	"	"
D. Juan d'Austria ...	"	Cosmopolitan	"
Phra Nang	"	"	"
Phra Chom Klao.....	"	"	"
Apenrade	"	Aberdeen	"

PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—Feb. 3rd *Anapa*; Feb. 7th *Harperley*; Feb. 10th *Glenfarg, Nürnburg*; Feb. 14th *Pyrrhus, Elphinstone, Tientsin*; Feb. 17th *Varra*; Feb. 21st *Babelsberg*; Feb. 24th *Ernest Simons, Myrmidon*; Feb. 28th *Candia, Hyson, Sarpedon*; Mar. 3rd *Marquis Bacquehem, Lielswold, Kara, Vortigern.*

Homeward—Mar. 3rd *Bengloe, Vindobona.*

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SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1899,
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Hongkong, 6th March, 1899. [315a

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NOTICE.

FROM This Day Mr. LOUIS BERINDOAGUE takes charge of our Hongkong Branch during my absence from this colony.
J. G. F. AUGUSTIN,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1899. [313a

Auction.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 92.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on
MONDAY,
the 13th day of March, 1899, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.
By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 18th February, 1899. [311a

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1899, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
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Hongkong, 11th February, 1899. [205a

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship
"KUTSANG,"
Captain Bradley, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 11th instant, at Noon.
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General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1899. [302a

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Captain A. Mitis, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 11th instant, P.M.
Silk and Valuables are transhipped on arrival at Bombay into an accelerated liner.
For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1899. [312a

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TAKOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"TIENTSIN,"
Captain Dawson, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 12th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1899. [310a

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE VIA MANILA.

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A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1899. [285a

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Hongkong, 28th February, 1899. [266a

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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THE Company's Steamship
"MENELAUS,"
Captain Towell, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1899. [309a

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"MOYUNE,"
Captain Conradi, will be despatched for the above ports, on or about the 20th March.
To be followed by the
"LIY,"
Captain Jacobs, sailing about 15th April.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
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Hongkong, 20th February, 1899. [244a

Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SADO MARU W. Thompsen	YOKOHAMA (DIRECT)	WEDNESDAY, 8th March, at 4 P.M.
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HIROSHIMA MARU S. Tsuji	KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 16th March, at 4 P.M.
SAGAMI MARU J. Nagao	VLADIVOSTOCK, VIA SWATOW, AMOY, SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI	THURSDAY, 16th March, at 4 P.M.
FUTAMI MARU C. Hillcoat	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 31st March, at 4 P.M.

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A. S. MIHARA,
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Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [6

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Hongkong, 14th September, 1896. [19

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
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From Persian Gulf, *ex* S.S. *Khiandalla*.
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Goods not cleared by the 10th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised,
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1899. [1-w 5

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "LENNOX,"
FROM PORTLAND, OR., & YOKOHAMA.
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees risk and expense.
DODWELL & Co., Ltd.
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1899. [1-w 4

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship
"KUTSANG,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon, the 7th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1899. [3038

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'S Steamship
"PESHAWUR,"
FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From Persian Gulf, *ex* B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S.N. Co's Steamers.
Goods not cleared by the 7th instant, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1899. [5

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship
"INDRAVELLI,"
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her, are hereby informed that their goods, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf, and Godown Co., Limited at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-MORROW.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 9th instant, will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been affected.
Consignees are requested to present all claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 16th instant, otherwise they will not be recognised.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1899. [2992

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

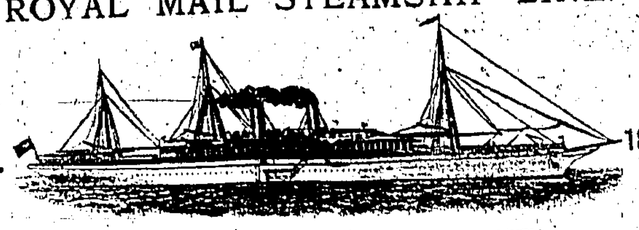
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE.

THE Steamship
"ISTRIA,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 10th instant, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 10th instant, will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1899. [3074

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

1899.  1899.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 15th Mar., 1899.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 5th April, 1899.
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 26th April, 1899.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.
Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD.
Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.
SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.
The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.
THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.
For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1899. [3

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Thursday, 30th Mar., at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday, 25th April, at Noon.
NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Saturday, 20th May, at Noon.

THE Steamship
"AMERICA MARU,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 30th March, at NOON, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.
Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.
Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.
Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.
Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.
Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.
Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to, sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
Further Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [15

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship
"PARRAMATTA,"
Captain C. T. Denny, R.N.R., carrying Her for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.
Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *via* Bombay.
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.
For further Particulars apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1899. [5

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FROM VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Glenogle...	3,750	J. McGillivray...	Mar. 21.
Olympia...	2,837	J. Truebridge ...	April 1.
Victoria ...	3,502	J. Panton.....	April 25.
Tacoma ...	2,811	A. Dixon.....	May 13.

ALSO
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,
IN CONNECTION WITH
OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Lennox	3,677	Williamson	Mar. 11.
Columbia	2,976	N. Moncur.	April 15.
Monmouthshire	2,874	W. A. Evans	May 6.
Lennox	3,677	Williamson	June 3.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line, HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables, DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.
HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.
The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.
HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.
Rates of Passage to other Points on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.
Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).
Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.
For further information apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1899. [4

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE fine A1 British Bark
"QUEEN MARGARET,"
Fraser, Master, shortly expected here will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1899. [1533

Mails.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.
(Freight Service.) *(East Asiatic Service.)*
(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE; BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	
*SILESIA Behrens	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	24th March.	Freight and Passage.
WITTENBERG ... Madsen	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 30th March.	Freight.
SUEVIA Foerck	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 4th April.	Freight.
NURNBERG v. Binzer.....	HAVRE, HAMBURG/BREMEN. (LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG)	About 10th April.	Freight.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Calling at NAPLES for Passengers only, if sufficient inducement offers.
For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1899. [981

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 14th March, at Noon.
City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).....	Saturday, 8th April, at Noon.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 2nd May, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship
"CITY RIO DE JANEIRO,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, & HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 14th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.
Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.
Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNITED PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.
Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.
Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.
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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.
Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1899. [1

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH
THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan Ports and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Belgian King.....			Mar. 15
Carmarthenshire...			Mar. 31
Carlisle City			April 15

THE Steamship
"BELGIAN KING,"
will be despatched for SAN DIEGO VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th March.
Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.
Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Agents.
Hongkong, China and Japan.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [1810

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE;
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Tuesday, 21st March, at Noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Saturday, 15th April, at Noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	Thursday, 11th May, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship
"COPTIC,"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 21st March, at Noon.
Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.
Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.
Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*
All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1899. [2

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.
N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Bayern.....	Wednesday	29th March.
Prinz Heinrich...	Wednesday	26th April.
Preussen	Wednesday	24th May.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of March, 1899, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "BAYERN," Captain E. Prehn, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE & CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.
Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 27th instant. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 28th instant. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement.
The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1899. [1294

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